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## PAUL'S NOTE

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- \* Firefighter Chili Cookoff on October 25. *See page 2.*
- \* Fall pool has begun. Visit [www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics) for pool hours or call 791-4245.

Tuesday night's council meeting was pretty short, but there was one item that came up that I've been working on: parking fines.

The City of Tucson had some of the highest parking fines in the state. Stories of high parking fines can deter people from visiting certain areas of town, which isn't good for economic growth. Also, high fines are hard to pay for some of our residents, which means the city uses more resources to collect those fines.

My colleagues and I directed Park Tucson (formerly ParkWise) to find a way to decrease parking fines without a big hit on city revenue. Like it or not, the city (as well as the state) depend on such fines as a revenue source.

What Park Tucson and city staff came up with was a new process to collect fines, which eliminated the need for the city to charge a case processing fee. This reduced all of our fines significantly, so much so that our fines in one category will now be the lowest in the

state.

There will be a hit to the budget of Park Tucson, but I believe that the lower fines will lead to more on-time payments and less of the associated administrative costs.

We have some new faces running our police operations here in Ward 2.

Captain Carla Johnson will be moving on to be the Chief of Staff for TPD, and Lieutenant Eric Johnson (no relation) has been reassigned. These are part of many recent moves to get TPD ready for some leadership changes that are anticipated over the next two years. Both Captain Johnson and Lieutenant Johnson are assets to TPD and were great friends to the Ward 2 office, and I know that both will be successful in their new duty stations.

Moving into their spots are Captain Chad Kasmar and Lieutenant Diana Lopez.

Captain Kasmar is a native Tucsonan and University of Arizona graduate whose previous assignments in-



*Capt. Kasmar*

cluded working on the west side as well as in internal affairs. He came to my attention with his leadership on the metal theft issue, both running Tucson's metal theft task force and working with the legislature to pass a bill to make it easier to catch offenders. It's a fascinating variety of experience he brings into leadership in Operations Division East.

Lieutenant Lopez is also a native Tucsonan, and has been with TPD since 2000. Her early experience in patrol dealing with narcotics and prostitution led her to a stint with neighborhood crimes. Eventually, she became a department

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spokesperson. She has previously worked the midtown, downtown and southside areas. Like Kasmar, her variety of experience will be valuable.

Lieutenant John Buckley will still be working in Operations Division East for the time being, but Sergeant Paul Hawks, administrative sergeant for the Division, will be leaving soon. He's been a great resource for my team. I hope to tell you a little more about him over the next few weeks.

I've already met with both new members of the leadership team and my staff has attended meetings of the division advisory committee to get updates from them.



*Lt. Lopez*

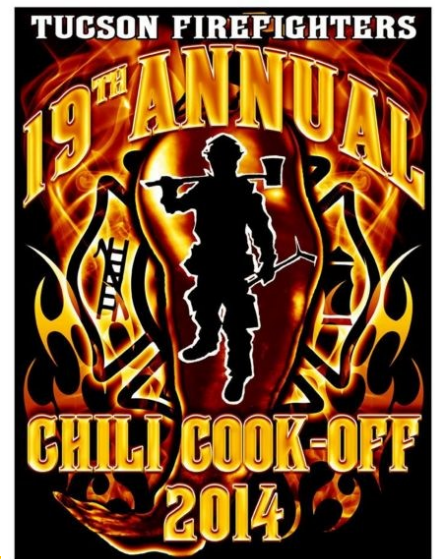
Remember that coming up we have our Neighborhood Legislature. Many of you have gotten a notice about the event, which will be next Wednesday, October 29. We will have city officials like interim City Manager Martha Durkin as well as our new TPD command staff there to answer your questions. The event will be at our office at 7575 E Speedway from 5:30 pm – 7. Please call our office, 791-4687 to RSVP.

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## CHILI COOK-OFF

Your firefighters would like to invite you and your family to come have a great time at our 19th Annual Chili Cook-Off. This year we have moved location and date, October 25th 10 am-10 pm at the Bandshell in Reid Park. We are raising money for the IAFF Local 479 Adopt-A-Family Charity. The proceeds raised will benefit local families during the holidays.

If you would like to have a chili booth, IAFF still has a few spots open. IAFF is always looking for businesses or organizations to sponsor our event. If you need any further information email Sloan Tamietti at [RSTamietti@gmail.com](mailto:RSTamietti@gmail.com) or check the IAFF webpage [iafflocal479.org](http://iafflocal479.org) Come on out and help make this event a success and have fun at the same time.



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## NEIGHBORHOOD LEGISLATURE

Vice Mayor Paul Cunningham and the Ward 2 office invite you to a Neighborhood Legislature featuring the new eastside command staff for TPD, officials from the Transportation Department, Interim City Manager Martha Durkin and of course, light refreshments and Ward 2 hospitality

The event will be at the Ward 2 Office 7575 E Speedway, October 29th. Doors will open at 5:30 pm with the program running from 6 pm – 7 pm

RSVP required, [ward2@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:ward2@tucsonaz.gov) or 791-4687

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## HOUGHTON ROAD UPDATE

**Block Party:** The businesses located in the construction area are planning a Block Party on Saturday October 25, 2014. The party will run from 10 am—2pm at the corner of Broadway and Houghton. This should be a great event, and is intended to thank their customers for their patronage.

**Broadway Intersection Park & Ride:** The contractor has started the demolition, clearing, and grading on this project. As you may have noticed, the construction trailers have been relocated to Houghton between Golf Links and Old Spanish Trail, on the west side of the road. Thanks to Mr. Joe Yee for providing this location opportunity to our contractors.

It is estimated that this project will take four months to complete. Specifically, we anticipate it will take two months to complete the paving for the parking, roadway, and bus drop-off/pickup areas, and two months to wait for the arrival and installation of the bus drivers' building.

**Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street:** The Broadway to 22nd segment utility relocation is wrapping up. We hope to have road construction started at the end of October. This should be an 18-month construction process.

**Utilities:** Team Fischel is relocating for Southwest Gas, and is 90% complete, with only removal of old pipe left to finish.

Tucson Electric Power and TriCon are relocating for TEP overhead, and Diversified will be performing the underground work. They are 100% complete on their transmission line relocations, 85% complete on the distribution lines, and 80% complete with their underground work. Some of the delay on this is due to access to properties where right of way is being negotiated.

Kleven was relocating for Century Link and their work is completed.

Cox and Time Warner lines are still on the old TEP poles that need to come down, and we are working with them to try and get their relocations completed.

All barricading for utility relocations has been coordinated with our contractor, Borderland Construction, to keep traffic moving smoothly and with the least amount of confusion possible. We have asked utilities to be diligent with their dust control, and keeping their sites clean. We have also asked them to be respectful of private property, even in areas where the utilities have easements with the homeowners.

**Stakeholder concerns and public outreach:** We have received calls and letters complaining about the installation of streetlights along portions of the Houghton Corridor. We are planning to have an open house meeting before the end of the year to discuss this concern, and we are looking for an appropriate venue to schedule the event. This issue spans the entire corridor, and affects people in both Ward 2 and Ward 4, so we will be including both in our open house. We would also like to introduce the public to our new artist team for the Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street project, and discuss any construction phasing information regarding that project.

For those of you on our Citizen advisory groups, Citizen Design Review Committees (CDRCs) for each ward office, we will be scheduling meetings in the next few weeks to bring some of the Open House information to you, as well as address our normal agenda items. We will get those dates out to you as soon as we schedule the meetings.

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## CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

**Halloween Party:** A field trip to the Freedom Center Halloween Party will be offered to senior club members on Thursday, October 30 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$3.00. The party will include music, dancing, costume contest, and lots of fun and food.

**Billiards Tournament:** A Billiards Tournament (8-ball doubles) will be held at the Carol West Senior Addition on Thursday, November 13 at 10:00 a.m. The event will include lunch and awards, The cost is \$7.00.

**Thanksgiving Feast:** The Carol West Senior Addition will host a "Thanksgiving Feast" event on Thursday, November 20, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The event will include a piano performance by Robert LeGendre and a Thanksgiving meal. The event will be sponsored by Atria Senior Living and Campana del Rio. The cost is \$5.00.

Sign ups for the events listed above are taken at the front desk of the Carol West Senior Addition; 791-4121.

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## PARKS PROGRAMS

**Spring 2015 Program Guide and Class Catalog:** The Spring 2015 issue of the Program Guide and Class Catalog will be available on Monday, November 10, 2014 at all Parks and Recreation facilities. The program guide will also be available on-line at [www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec)

For questions or more information contact Registration Services at 791-4877.

**Therapeutics Programming:** The Tucson Parks and Recreation, Therapeutics Division (1000 S. Randolph Way) will host Down Syndrome monthly support groups for parents every second Wednesday of each month. The meetings take place from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For more information, please call 747-2556.

**Boo Bash:** The Boo Bash event will take place at the Clement Center, 8155 E Poinciana Drive on October 25 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The event will include haunted house, carnival games, face painting, and a haunted hay ride. The cost is \$3.00. Attached is a flyer with details.

**9th Annual Family Festival:** The 9th Annual Family Festival is scheduled for Reid Park (900 S. Randolph Way) on November 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The free family event will include games, displays, demonstrations, entertainment and more.

**Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair:** The Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair in Reid Park (900 S. Randolph Way) will be held Thanksgiving weekend, November 29-30, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event will be held at the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center, which is accessible from Country Club and Concert Place. Attached is the flyer with additional information.

**Facility Closures:** All Tucson Parks and Recreation facilities will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 in observance of Veteran's Day.

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Please bring these items to the Ward 2 Office  
for the following charities:

**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable  
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—  
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals  
and Families in Need**

**LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses**

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/  
Dance Equipment**

**CASA MARIA—Plastic bags**

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## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Because of the election, the next Mayor and Council meeting will be on Wednesday, November 5. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

